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The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell :—"There are rules relating to the postponement or remission of the land revenue and no doubt those rules will be applied. If any special orders are required which the local officers cannot pass, they will no doubt apply to the Government or to the Board of Revenue."

Relief to the people of the flood-affected areas.

* 15 Q.—Mr. G. Ranganatha Mudaliyar : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether any, and if so, what steps have been taken to ascertain the total estimate of the loss of crops, property or other damage caused by the recent floods ;

(b) whether any enquiry has been instituted by the Board of Revenue or by the Government with a view to ascertain the nature and extent of the relief that has to be given by the Government

(i) by way of remission and suspension of revenue for total or partial failure of crops ;

(ii) by way of advances or loans to cultivators and to the people rendered homeless for the purpose of helping them to repair or rebuild their tenements or otherwise ; and

(c) whether the Government have received any proposals from the Collectors concerned or the Board of Revenue for relief in the manner above set forth, and if so, whether the Government propose to consult this Council before deciding on any action ?

A.—(a) to (c) The hon Member is referred to the answer given to question No. 14. The question of consulting the Legislative Council on the subject will be considered on receipt of the report.

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar :—"I find in the answer to the question that the question of consulting the Legislative Council will be considered on receipt of the report. I want to know whether it is the intention of the Government to delay the matter until they consult the Council ?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell :—"Further relief will be given without waiting for the opinion of the Council whenever necessary."

Irrigation

Site for the reservoir of the Tungabhadra project.

* 16 Q.—Mr. K. Koti Reddi : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) in what stage the investigation of the new site recommended by the Ceded Districts Irrigation Committee for the reservoir of the Tungabhadra project is ; and

(b) what other steps the Government have so far taken towards the execution of the above project ?

A.—(a) The investigation of the site at Timmalapuram has been completed.

(b) The Government is in correspondence with other Governments which have an interest in the Tungabhadra.